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Pro-Aspirasi wins at UTHM

KUALA LUMPUR: The Pro-Aspirasi group won 25 out of 27 seats contested in the campus elections at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) in Batu Pahat yesterday.

The group won all nine of the general seats and 16 of the 18 faculty seats involving seven faculties at the university.

In a shock defeat, UTHM's former student representatives council president Mohd Hafiz Ariffin was defeated by a new face, Dayang Wafiqah Abang Jama'aludin, with a 409-vote majority.

Second-year student Dayang Wafiqah of Electrical and Electronic

Faculty received 8,207 votes.

The nationwide campus elections kicked off in stages with elections yesterday at UTHM, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka and Universiti Malaysia Perlis. Nominations of candidates took place at Universiti Malaya, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and Universiti Utara Malaysia.

UiTM Student Council representative candidate Mohd Fadhli Md Rodzi said police were also stationed at the polling booths.

"The police made sure that only UiTM students were given entry and all students had to present their

university identification before being allowed to vote," said Fadhli, who is a candidate of the Faculty of Mass Communications.

"There is no doubt that campus elections give students the chance to exercise their right to vote,"

In ensuring the quality of council representatives, Fadhli said each candidate was chosen by the dean of the faculty, before the list was narrowed down and selected by the Student Affairs Department.

"Before kicking off the campaign and elections, the candidates were sent on a leadership course to understand their roles and responsibilities as members of the council."



The poster war at **Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka** car park. Pic by Mohd Khairul Helmy